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SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS JOHNSON DEDICATES MONUMENT TO PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS IN FRESNO

FRESNO – Under the patriotic wave of American flags, California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Tom Johnson joined the Fresno Chapter 106 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart today in dedicating a monument to our nation's men and women wounded or killed during their military service.

Located in the Fresno County Court House Park at Tulare and L Streets, the Purple Heart monument is dedicated to every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or Merchant Marine that has been wounded in combat in defense of our country and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Among a crowd made up of Purple Heart medal recipients, veterans, elected officials, and others, Johnson also presented a proclamation by Governor Schwarzenegger dedicating August Military Order of the Purple Heart Month in California. Also present at this dedication were U. S. Representatives Jim Costa and George Radanovich.

"The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a leveling order that crosses all branches of service and all ranks," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson. "Many states and communities have determined to keep alive Washington's vision of fidelity and patriotism by events or specific actions and here today we dedicate yet another lasting reminder to recognize the more than 1.7 million Americans wounded or killed in action."

The public is invited to visit the Purple Heart monument and pay their respects to all those men and women that, living or deceased, have defended the United States of America and our way of life in any war, police action or other conflict where they have been sent.

For more information regarding the Purple Heart Monument in Fresno contact Cruz Cuellar at 559-226-4829, Richard Rey at 674-1375 or Jim Windsor at 291-4117.

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